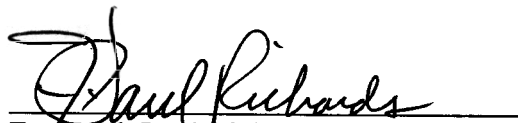


AFFIDAVIT OF FREDERICK PAUL RICHARDS

I, Frederick Paul Richards, state that:

1. I have prepared my direct testimony, submitted on behalf of New England Power Company (NEP) on January 20, 2004 in the proceeding to consider a zoning exemption for NEP in the Town of West Boylston, Massachusetts.
2. I hereby swear that the information contained in my direct testimony is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.



Frederick Paul Richards
Principal Environmental Engineer
Environmental Engineer
National Grid USA Service Company, Inc.

Subscribed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 16 day of January, 2004.


Notary Public

SUSAN A. COSTA
Notary Public
My Commission Expires
March 21, 2008